



Neighbors App by Ring + Local Law Enforcement

Key Talking Points

- The Williamsburg Police Department is excited to join the Neighbors app by Ring as a new way to provide real-time crime and safety information to our community.
- Ring launched the Neighbors app in May of 2018 as a free way for community members and local law enforcement to share real-time local crime and safety information whether or not they own a Ring device.
- The Neighbors app network has millions of users across the nation and has already been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries, and keeping neighborhoods safe.
- **Williamsburg residents can text “StaySafe” to 555888 from their smartphone to download the Neighbors app for free on iOS and Android.**
- Once downloaded, residents can join their digital neighborhood and use the app to: monitor neighborhood activity; share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive regional safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team - all in real time.
- **Through partnering with Neighbors by Ring, the Williamsburg Police Department will be able to:**
 - Send alerts to Neighbors about local crime and safety incidents in the area in real-time.



- Request information about local crime and safety situations from Neighbors who opt-in to sharing for a particular request.
 - Work together with the local community to build trust and make neighborhoods safer.
- **Like other social media sharing platforms, our participation on the Neighbors app is not meant to replace 911.** If residents see a crime occur they are encouraged to immediately report the incident through official department channels.
- **All tips shared via Neighbors are anonymous unless residents choose to identify themselves,** as anonymous tips are an important tactic already used to solve crimes.
- **This does not grant law enforcement access to cameras or user data.** Law enforcement can only view content posted by users to the Neighbors app or that they have decided to share with us directly in response to a specific request.
- **You do not need to own a Ring device or any other home security system in order to download and use the Neighbors app.** Local residents are encouraged to download the free Neighbors app in order to keep up with real-time crime and safety updates and participate in the digital neighborhood watch straight from their smartphones.